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EASE OF PASSING ELONGATED INSERTION UNIT

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
REMARKS/ARGUMENT

This Response is filed in reply to the Restriction Requirement mailed May 27, 2005. Applicant elects the invention of Species I which corresponds to An endoscope having an insertion guide member including a plurality of tubular members. The claims readable on this species are identified as claims 1-16.

Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to the subject matter covered in the non-elected claims.

Early and favorable consideration of the present application is earnestly solicited.

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